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PASS US FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION/ OFFICE INTERNATIONAL  
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PASS NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE/ NAKATSU  
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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, TGEN, MILI, BEXP, JA, VS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DIOXIN CONTAMINATION OF SHRIMP

REF: STATE 11130, TOKYO#

1. GOJ MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN  
STUDIES OF LEVELS OF DIOXIN CONTAINED IN VARIOUS ANIMAL TISSUES  
AND EFFECT OF DIOXIN ON HUMANS AND APPRECIATES U. S. INVITATION  
TO JOIN IN COOPERATIVE STUDIES OF THESE PROBLEMS.

2. AT PRESENT TIME, HOWEVER, FUNDS AND STAFF OF THE MINISTRY  
COMPLETELY DEVOTED TO VERY CRITICAL DOMESTIC PROBLEMS RELATING  
TO HIGH LEVELS OF MERCURY, PCB, ETC. BEING FOUND IN FISH AND  
SHELLFISH FROM POLLUTED WATERS, THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL  
NEW CASES OF MINAMATA DISEASE FROM MERCURY POISONING, THE  
CLOSING OF EXTENSIVE AREAS TO FISHING, AND A MARKED DROP IN  
FISH SALES AND PRICE.

3. NEW STANDARDS FOR MERCURY IN FISH AND SHELLFISH EXPECTED  
BEFORE END OF THIS MONTH AND HEALTH AND WELFARE STAFF, SCIENTISTS,  
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ADVISORS, ETC. NOW MEETING SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK TO HAMMER OUT  
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INDUSTRY/ FISHERIES/ CONSUMER GROUPS.

4. FURUZAWA ( FOOD SANITATION DIVISION, MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE)  
BELIEVES PRESENT FLURY WILL DIE DOWN BY THE END OF JULY.  
ALTHOUGH HE CAN GIVE NO ASSURANCE AT THIS TIME OF APPROVAL BY  
THE MINISTRY, HE BELIEVES EARLY AUGUST WOULD BE BEST TIME FOR  
THE UNITED STATES TO SUBMIT FORMAL INVITATION TO JAPAN, ALONG  
WITH OUTLINE OF SCOPE, DURATION, ETC. ENVISAGED IN THESE STUDIES.  
SHOESMITH

NOTE BY OCT: # AS RECEIVED, WILL SERVICE UPON REQUEST.

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